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# **ALIEN FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGAL REENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on April 25, 2003, Antonio Galeana-Flores, born May 10, 1974, of Maricopa, Arizona, was found guilty of Illegal Reentry After Deportation by a federal jury at Phoenix, Arizona.

The evidence at trial showed that United States Border Patrol Agents tracked Galeana-Flores to a railroad yard near Yuma, Arizona, where they believed he planned to board a train to escape detection. They apprehended him, along with six other individuals, all of whom admitted that they were citizens of Mexico and that they were in the United States unlawfully. Subsequent records checks revealed that Galeana-Flores was indeed an alien, that he had a previous felony conviction for possession of drugs for sale and that he had previously been deported.

The defendant is being held pending sentencing, which is set for July 7th .

Galeana-Flores had been charged with violating Title 8 of the United States Code, Section 1326, enhanced by (b)(2) because of his prior aggravated felony conviction. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll on April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25th.

A conviction for Illegal Reentry After Deportation enhanced by (b)(2) carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by United States Border Patrol.

The prosecution is being handled by Mary Beth Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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